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Mr. Kevin J. Martin  
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Dear Chairman Martin,

I want to urge you to strenuously oppose the merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

This merger is one of the most anti-consumer initiatives in recent memory. Creating a monopoly on satellite radio would limit consumer choice in service providers, limit the number of channels for current subscribers and cut off rural Americans from a valued source of news and information.

News reports indicate that the merged company would have to eliminate some channels in order to make room on each spectrum for the merged company's channels. XM and Sirius have admitted that while offering a lower-priced option, premium service would be required to get the best of both services.

What is a subscriber to do if this merger happens? Presumably they purchased a particular system because of what it offered – perhaps because of the NFL or the NASCAR package. If a merger happens, they could be stuck with either paying more money for the service they once enjoyed or having a completely useless and expensive black box lying around in the garage.

Perhaps the most disenfranchised consumers would be those in rural areas. Satellite radio serves as an economical way for rural Americans to get news, sports and music. These areas frequently have few local radio options, so by making satellite radio less affordable – or with poor reception – much of rural America would find their choices dramatically limited by what their radio antenna could pick up.

Please do all you can to prevent this merger from occurring?

Regards,

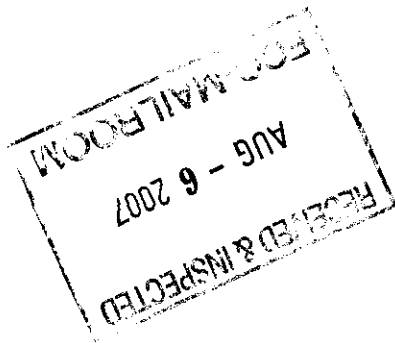


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P.S. It's great to have a fellow North Carolinian as Chairman of the FCC.

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